

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1901 – HB 1916

February 19, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: :** Authorizes the establishment of an early voting satellite location or an election day polling location by agreement of the county election commissions of any two counties which share a municipality. Requires such early voting satellite location or election day polling location to be located no more than half a mile from the shared border of both counties and be located within the boundaries of the shared municipality.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$11,700/Permissive

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012644):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Authorizes the establishment of an early voting satellite location or an election day polling location by written mutual agreement of the county election commissions of any two or more counties which share a municipality. Requires each early voting satellite location or election day polling location to be located no more than 500 feet from the shared county border and be located within the boundaries of the shared municipality.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The provisions of the bill are applicable only to local government.
- There are 21 municipalities located within two counties: Adamsville, Enville, Farragut, Goodlettsville, Grand Junction, Kenton, Kingsport, Lake City, Millersville, Monteagle, Oak Ridge, Petersburg, Portland, Ridgetop, Scott's Hill, Silerton, Spring Hill, Tennessee Ridge, Trimble, Tullahoma, and White House.
- The provisions of the bill as amended would add four additional municipalities: Johnson City, McKenzie, Milledgeville, and Oliver Springs.
- There are 30 counties which share a municipality: Anderson, Campbell, Chester, Coffee, Davidson, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Grundy, Hardeman, Hardin, Hawkins, Henderson, Houston, Knox, Lincoln, Loudon, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Obion, Robertson, Roane, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, and Williamson.

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- The provisions of the bill as amended would add six counties: Carter, Carroll, Henry, Morgan, Washington, and Weakley.
- The provisions of the bill as amended would require the participating counties to agree in writing upon the location of any early voting satellite or polling place location, any meeting necessary between the county election commissions to reach such agreement is not estimated to result in any significant impact to local government.
- Based on information provided the Secretary of State, the average cost per county opting to conduct early voting in satellite locations within the other county will be \$9,258, while the average cost per county opting to open a polling location on election day within the other county will be \$2,478.
- It is estimated one group of county election commissions will choose to open both an early voting satellite location and an election day polling location, resulting in a permissive increase in local government expenditures of \$11,736 (\$9,258 satellite location operation + \$2,478 election day location operation).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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